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SUBJECT:ECONOMIC COOPERATION TEAM

REF: (A) STATE 47668, (B) NASSAU 422

1. REF (B) IS VERY HELPFUL INPUT TO PREPARATIONS FOR  
ECONOMIC COOPERATION TEAM VISIT.

2. FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR SCHWARTZ HERE  
THIS WEEK, WE BELIEVE TEAM MEETING WITH BAHAMIANS SHOULD  
CONTAIN THREE ELEMENTS:

A. PRESENTATION OF FORMS OF COOPERATION THAT WE BELIEVE  
MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BAHAMAS. TEAM WILL BE PREPARED  
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TO DESCRIBE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ON AREAS OF POSSIBLE  
COOPERATION INDICATED REFS. (A) AND (B).  
B. OPPORTUNITY FOR GCOB TO PRESENT ITS THINKING  
CONCERNING COOPERATION. TEAM WILL IN GENERAL NOT PLAN  
TO DEBATE APPROPRIATENESS OF PROPOSALS GCOB MAY MAKE,  
BUT RATHER SEEK TO UNDERSTAND THEIR REQUESTS AS FULLY  
AS POSSIBLE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN WASHINGTON.

C. QUESTIONS TEAM WOULD LIKE TO PUT TO GCOB CONCERNING ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PRIORITIES, WHERE IT PERCEIVES

BAHAMA'S OPPORTUNITIES AND THE PARTICULAR WEAKNESSES THAT NEED TO BE OVERCOME. (IN ADDITION TO OTHER AREAS INDICATED REFTELS, AMBASSADOR HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE MEETING MIGHT INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF GCOB'S INTEREST IN FAMILY PLANNING.)

3. AGENDA WOULD THEREFORE BE:

- A. U.S. COOPERATION MECHANISMS (U.S. PRESENTATIONS).
- B. BAHAMIAN VIEWS ON COOPERATION NEEDS.
- C. BAHAMIAN DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PRIORITIES.

4. TEAM WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO INCLUDE JOHN GARNER AS PARTICIPANT. CHRISTOPHER

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